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Roxbury, Dec. 18, 1878.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I thank you for your letter in relation to military drill in our public schools, and apprising me that the question will come up for discussion at the Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Teacher's Association at Worcester on the 27th inst. You express a wish for me to be present, and bear my testimony against such a gross perversion of our common school system. I shall not be able to do so; but I will endeavor to send you, seasonably, a letter to be used by you as you may think proper, giving my reasons for earnestly opposing such a practice. Where is the American Peace Society that it speaks not out?

Fraternally yours,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

P. S. The kind regards of "the Medfield Allen family" I warmly reciprocate, including your venerable mother pre-eminently, to whom give my special congratulations on her felicitous old age, and also my best wishes for the future.

Addressed to Nathaniel P. Allen, of the West Newton (Mass.) English & Classical School.